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# ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION PROGRAM

## FIRST QUARTER 2013 REPORT

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- Newport News Shipbuilding
- Norfolk Naval Shipyard

## PREFACE

The Division of Radiological Health conducts an extensive environmental monitoring program of radiological conditions around certain fixed nuclear facilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide an independent assessment of each facility's compliance with applicable federal and state regulations. Each of these fixed nuclear facilities has its own routine surveillance program. The objectives of a routine surveillance program include:

- a) Providing information useful in assessing the adequacy of protection of the public
- b) Meeting requirements of regulatory agencies
- c) Verifying radionuclide containment and plant waste management practices
- d) Meeting legal liability obligations
- e) Providing public assurance and acceptance (NCRP, 1976).

In addition to these stated objectives, the DRH has identified other objectives such as;

- a) Maintenance of a database of background radionuclide levels and trends to assist with the assessment of other environmental data
- b) Identification of radiological releases not associated with the licensed facility
- c) Maintenance of equipment and proficiency of capabilities used in emergency preparedness and response activities

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# FOREWORD

The Division of Radiological Health conducts an extensive environmental radiological monitoring program around nuclear facilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia to determine compliance with applicable federal and state regulations and guidelines.

Sampling locations are primarily located around the two nuclear power stations in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- (1) North Anna Power Station, Louisa County, Virginia
- (2) Surry Power Station, Surry County, Virginia

Sampling locations are also present at:

- (3) Babcock & Wilcox, Lynchburg, Virginia
- (4) Newport News Shipbuilding (Formerly Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company)
- (5) Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia

Samples are also collected at various control locations. This data can be compared to data for samples collected at plant environs. This provides a comparison between naturally occurring radiation and any radiological deposition resulting from nuclear power plant operation or radioactive fallout.

All State samples are analyzed by Consolidated Laboratories of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Virginia Department of Health.

All the data are within normal expected levels.

This report represents a compilation of all samples collected between January 1, 2013 and March 31, 2013.

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# **SAMPLING PROGRAM**

The Division of Radiological Health maintains an environmental surveillance program with primary focus on the environs of the nuclear power facilities in Virginia. The objectives of this radiological monitoring program are:

- a) To detect and measure radioactive releases during routine nuclear power plant operation.
- b) To detect and measure radioactive releases during abnormal events occurring at nuclear facilities.
- c) To measure concentration of radioactive effluents in the environment particularly in human exposure pathways.
- d) To provide an independent means of verification of utility release reports.

These objectives are achieved through continuous sampling of air and ambient radiation, as well as, periodic sampling of water, milk, vegetation, fish, shellfish, etc. Details on sample locations and frequencies are outlined in Appendix III of this report.

A brief description of each sampling medium follows:

## **AIR PARTICULATE AND RADIOGAS**

Stationary air samplers are utilized at the Surry Power Station, the North Anna Power Station, and one control location at Pocahontas State Park. Pumps run approximately 168 hours per week at an average flow rate of 115 cubic feet per hour. All samplers are continuously equipped with a charcoal filter. Air particulate filters are used at every sampling location to measure any radioactive particulates. All stations, except the control station, duplicate utility stations. At BWX Technologies, there is one air sampler located on site. This air pump is equipped with air particulate filters and run approximately 168 hours per week with an average flow rate of 70 cubic feet per hour.

Charcoal filters & air particulate filters are analyzed weekly for gamma activity with special emphasis on I-131 retention.

Samples obtained quarterly from Babcock & Wilcox undergo gross alpha analysis.

## **FISH**

Fish samples are collected semi-annually in Lake Anna, near the North Anna Power Station. Each sample consists of approximately one kilogram of flesh from catfish, sunfish, bass or bluegill.

All fish samples are counted for gamma activity with data based on wet weight.

## **MILK**

Raw milk samples are collected quarterly from a dairy near each reactor site. Each sample consists of one gallon of raw milk with no preservatives added. Raw milk is a primary indicator of radioiodine incorporation in the food chain.

All milk samples are counted for gamma activity and analyzed quarterly for Strontium-89 & 90 and are also radiochemically separated for I-131.

## **SHELLFISH**

Shellfish is no longer collected as part of the environmental surveillance program around Surry Power Station due to the inability to acquire said samples.

## **SILT**

Silt is collected semi-annually next to the Waste Treatment building at North Anna Power Station. The sample consists of one kilogram of bottom sediment and is an indicator of radioactive deposition in sediment.

Silt is collected quarterly at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) on the Elizabeth River to ensure that shipyard operations result in minimal radioactive effluents. Silt is also collected quarterly at Newport News Shipbuilding (NNSB) on the James River to ensure that operations result in minimal radioactive deposition.

Silt samples are counted for gamma activity and gross beta activity with data based on activity per unit of dry weight.

## **SOIL**

Two soil samples are collected at the Babcock & Wilcox facility. One sample site is located at a ball field on the facility's eastern boundary, and the other is a control location at the Department of Agriculture's Lynchburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory (LRAHL), located 5 miles southwest of the plant site, off Route 460. These samples are collected annually. Samples obtained undergo uranium separation followed by alpha analysis.

## **VEGETATION**

Green leafy vegetation is collected from home gardens located near each nuclear power facility. Samples of one kilogram of kale, cabbage, or turnip greens are collected annually at harvest. When leafy vegetation is unavailable, tall grass is collected. These samples would indicate incorporation of radioactivity in edible vegetation. Vegetation is counted for gamma activity with data based on activity per unit wet weight.

Two vegetation samples are collected at Babcock & Wilcox. These consist of one kilogram of grass from the ball field at the eastern site boundary and one control location at the Department of Agriculture's Lynchburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory (LRAHL), located 5 miles southwest of the plant site, off Route 460. These samples are collected annually and undergo uranium separation followed by alpha analysis.

## **SURFACE WATER**

Surface water is collected weekly at each nuclear power facility. Three and one half liters (L) samples of station discharge water and upstream controls are collected. These samples provide data on radioactive effluents.

Two surface water samples are collected from the James River at Babcock & Wilcox on an annual basis. One is located approximately 3 miles downstream of the Babcock & Wilcox plant, near the ball field at the eastern site boundary, and the other is at a control location near Six Mile Bridge, which is approximately 1.5 miles upstream. Samples undergo uranium separation followed by alpha counting.

Surface water is also collected quarterly on the James River at Newport News Shipbuilding (NNSB) and on the Elizabeth River at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) to ensure that shipyard operations result in minimal radioactive effluents.

## **AMBIENT GAMMA EXPOSURE (OSL)**

Ambient gamma exposure readings are collected using either calcium fluoride or optically stimulated luminescence dosimeters (OSL). There are twelve OSL sample stations surrounding North Anna Power Station and fourteen stations surrounding Surry Power Station. One control OSL station is located at Pocahontas State Park. Several stations at each site duplicate utility sampling stations.

The OSL's are processed quarterly using a Micro Star system, by Landauer, by VDH for net exposure during their time in the field, resulting in a millirem/quarter reading.



## **Sources of Radioactivity in the Environment**

Radioactivity from natural sources is found everywhere. Naturally occurring radioactivity comes from the decay of primordial terrestrial sources, such as uranium and thorium. Other sources are continually produced in our upper atmosphere through interactions of atoms with cosmic rays. These naturally occurring sources produce the background levels of radioactivity.

In the past century, environmental radiation levels have been influenced by human practices of using or manufacturing radioactive materials. Such practices include the use of radioactive materials in the healing arts, uranium mining and milling operations, nuclear power generation, nuclear weapons manufacturing and testing, and storage and disposal of nuclear weapons.

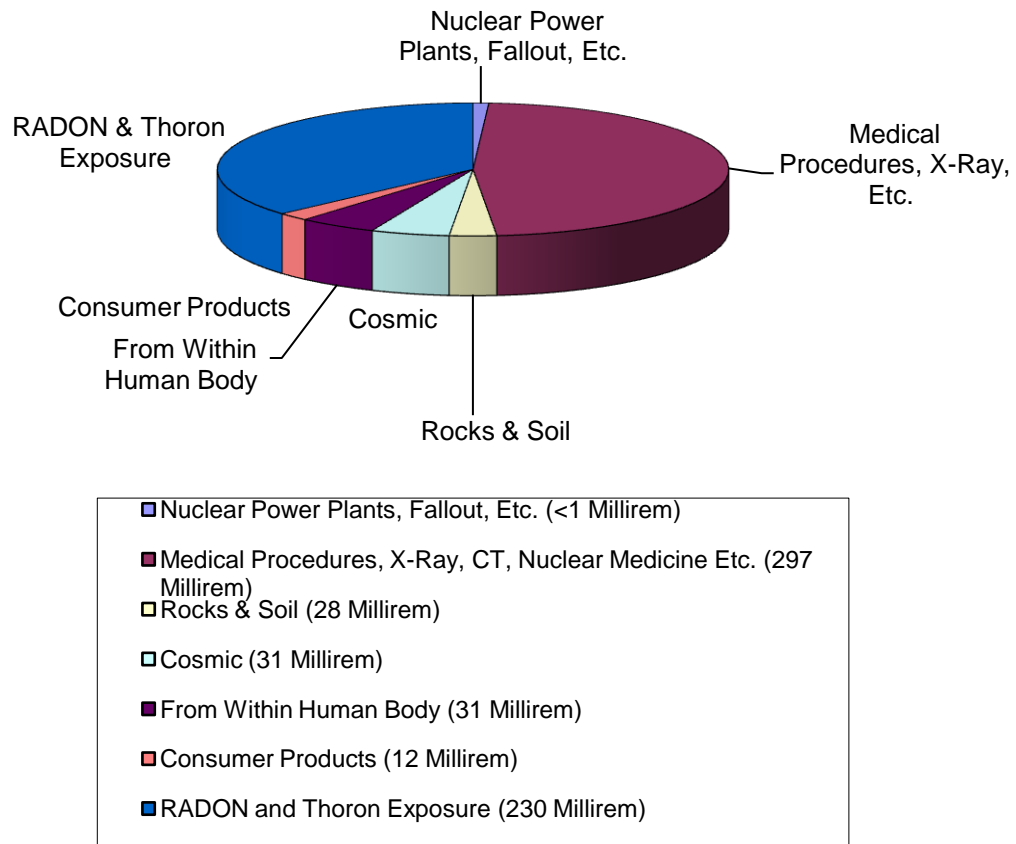
Background radiation levels were most altered by residual fallout from nuclear weapons testing. The United States ceased atmospheric testing following adoption of the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Only long-lived fallout radionuclides remain.

## **Doses to the Public**

The primary source of natural radiation dose received by the general public is due to radon exposure (See Figure 1 next page). The average individual receives approximately 230 mrem/year from radon and less than 1 mrem/year from nuclear facilities. Another 81 mrem/year are received from other natural sources and approximately 297 mrem/year from medical procedures. The total average whole body dose nationwide is approximately 620 mrem/year.

Inherent in all standards for radiation control is the philosophy of limiting exposure to levels, "AS LOW AS REASONABLY ACHIEVABLE," (ALARA). In practice, this philosophy continues to result in very low average doses to the public from nuclear facilities cited earlier. The monitoring program maintained by the Division of Radiological Health continues to verify compliance to these standards.

**FIGURE 1: Sources of Radiation Exposure**



Source: National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurement; Estimated Annual Dose of 620 Millirem for an average person in the U.S.A.

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# North Anna and Surry Nuclear Power Stations & Other Selected Locations

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Location: Surry Power Station – on site

Week #	Station	Date			Gross Beta Activity		
		Start		Stop	pCi/meter3		
1	A-20	12/18/12	-	1/2/13	0.04	+/-	0.005
2	A-20	1/2/13	-	1/8/13	0.18	+/-	0.02
3	A-20	1/8/13	-	1/15/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
4	A-20	1/15/13	-	1/22/13	0.03	+/-	0.01
5	A-20	1/22/13	-	1/29/13	0.09	+/-	0.01
6	A-20	1/29/13	-	2/5/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
7	A-20	2/5/13	-	2/12/13	0.08	+/-	0.01
8	A-20	2/12/13	-	2/19/13	0.03	+/-	0.005
9	A-20	2/19/13	-	2/25/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
10	A-20	2/25/13	-	3/5/13	0.08	+/-	0.01
11	A-20	3/5/13	-	3/12/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
12	A-20	3/12/13	-	3/19/13	0.10	+/-	0.013
13	A-20	3/19/13	-	3/25/13	0.03	+/-	0.01

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## AIR PARTICULATE

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**Location: Pocahontas State Park** – *control / naturally occurring background*

Week #	Station	Date			Gross Beta Activity		
		Start		Stop	pCi/meter3		
1	A-40	12/17/12	-	1/2/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
2	A-40	1/2/13	-	1/7/13	0.11	+/-	0.02
3	A-40	1/7/13	-	1/14/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
4	A-40	1/14/13	-	1/22/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
5	A-40	1/22/13	-	1/28/13	0.06	+/-	0.01
6	A-40	1/28/13	-	2/4/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
7	A-40	2/4/13	-	2/11/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
8	A-40	2/11/13	-	2/19/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
9	A-40	2/19/13	-	2/25/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
10	A-40	2/25/13	-	3/4/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
11	A-40	3/4/13	-	3/11/13	0.02	+/-	0.004
12	A-40	3/11/13	-	3/18/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
13	A-40	3/18/13	-	3/25/13	0.03	+/-	0.004

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Location: Jamestown State Park & Historical Site

Week #	Station	Start	Date		Stop	Gross Beta Activity		
						pCi/meter3		
1	A-44	12/18/12	-		1/2/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
2	A-44	1/2/13	-		1/8/13	0.15	+/-	0.02
3	A-44	1/8/13	-		1/15/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
4	A-44	1/15/13	-		1/22/13	0.02	+/-	0.004
5	A-44	1/22/13	-		1/29/13	0.07	+/-	0.01
6	A-44	1/29/13	-		2/5/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
7	A-44	2/5/13	-		2/12/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
8	A-44	2/12/13	-		2/19/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
9	A-44	2/19/13	-		2/25/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
10	A-44	2/25/13	-		3/5/13	0.09	+/-	0.01
11	A-44	3/5/13	-		3/12/13	0.02	+/-	0.004
12	A-44	3/12/13	-		3/19/13	0.04	+/-	0.006
13	A-44	3/19/13	-		3/25/13	0.03	+/-	0.004

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**Location: Louisa County / Bumpass Volunteer Fire Station**

Week #	Station	Date		Stop	Gross Beta Activity		
		Start			pCi/meter3		
1	A-86	12/17/12	-	1/2/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
2	A-86	1/2/13	-	1/7/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
3	A-86	1/7/13	-	1/14/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
4	A-86	1/14/13	-	1/22/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
5	A-86	1/22/13	-	1/28/13	0.06	+/-	0.01
6	A-86	1/28/13	-	2/4/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
7	A-86	2/4/13	-	2/11/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
8	A-86	2/11/13	-	2/19/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
9	A-86	2/19/13	-	2/26/13	0.09	+/-	0.01
10	A-86	2/26/13	-	3/4/13	0.06	+/-	0.01
11	A-86	3/4/13	-	3/11/13	0.02	+/-	0.003
12	A-86	3/11/13	-	3/18/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
13	A-86	3/18/13	-	3/26/13	0.04	+/-	0.01

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### AIR PARTICULATE

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**Location: Louisa County / Route 700**

Week #	Station	Date		Stop	Gross Beta Activity		
		Start			pCi/meter3		
1	A-88	12/17/12	-	1/2/13	0.03	+/-	0.004
2	A-88	1/2/13	-	1/7/13	0.07	+/-	0.01
3	A-88	1/7/13	-	1/14/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
4	A-88	1/14/13	-	1/22/13	0.03	+/-	0.005
5	A-88	1/22/13	-	1/28/13	0.07	+/-	0.01
6	A-88	1/28/13	-	2/4/13	0.05	+/-	0.01
7	A-88	2/4/13	-	2/11/13	0.03	+/-	0.01
8	A-88	2/11/13	-	2/19/13	0.03	+/-	0.005
9	A-88	2/19/13	-	2/26/13	0.10	+/-	0.01
10	A-88	2/26/13	-	3/4/13	0.04	+/-	0.01
11	A-88	3/4/13	-	3/11/13	0.02	+/-	0.003
12	A-88	3/11/13	-	3/18/13	0.03	+/-	0.005
13	A-88	3/18/13	-	3/26/13	0.04	+/-	0.01



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**AMBIENT GAMMA EXPOSURE**

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Station</b>	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Net Exposure Rate mR/Std Qtr +/- S.D.</b>		
Surry Power Station	D-20	1 <sup>st</sup>	27.05	+/-	10.40
North Anna Power Station	D-35	1 <sup>st</sup>	33.17	+/-	11.52
Pocahontas State Park	D-40	1 <sup>st</sup>	42.12	+/-	12.98
Surry – Lebanon Baptist Church	D-41	1 <sup>st</sup>	25.99	+/-	10.20
Surry – Lawnes Creek	D-42	1 <sup>st</sup>	29.04	+/-	10.78
Surry – Route 628	D-43	1 <sup>st</sup>	25.88	+/-	10.17
Jamestown – Historical site	D-44	1 <sup>st</sup>	28.19	+/-	10.62
Newport News - Lee Hall	D-45	1 <sup>st</sup>	33.64	+/-	11.60
Louisa County - Mineral	D-50	1 <sup>st</sup>	26.96	+/-	10.39
Louisa County – Wares Crossroads	D-51	1 <sup>st</sup>	27.18	+/-	10.43
Louisa County – Good Hope Church	D-52	1 <sup>st</sup>	30.45	+/-	11.04
Spotsylvania Route 614	D-53	1 <sup>st</sup>	27.98	+/-	10.58
Louisa County – Fred Hall	D-54	1 <sup>st</sup>	26.69	+/-	10.33
Naval Weapons Station – 1	D-73	1 <sup>st</sup>	23.31	+/-	9.66
Newport News – Fort Eustis	D-76	1 <sup>st</sup>	28.14	+/-	10.61
Williamsburg – Busch Gardens	D-77	1 <sup>st</sup>	31.68	+/-	11.26
Williamsburg – Airport	D-78	1 <sup>st</sup>	21.66	+/-	9.31
Surry – Scotland Wharf	D-79	1 <sup>st</sup>	23.37	+/-	9.66
Surry – Bacon's Castle	D-80	1 <sup>st</sup>	24.49	+/-	9.90
Surry – Alliance	D-81	1 <sup>st</sup>	26.31	+/-	10.26
Surry – Hog Point	D-82	1 <sup>st</sup>	23.87	+/-	9.77
Louisa County – Route 685	D-84	1 <sup>st</sup>	26.87	+/-	10.37
Spotsylvania – Route 713	D-85	1 <sup>st</sup>	26.28	+/-	10.25
Louisa County – Bumpass Fire Dept.	D-86	1 <sup>st</sup>	29.40	+/-	10.85
Spotsylvania – Levy	D-87	1 <sup>st</sup>	29.98	+/-	10.95
Louisa County – Route 700	D-88	1 <sup>st</sup>	31.59	+/-	11.24
Louisa County – Aspen Hill	D-89	1 <sup>st</sup>	31.99	+/-	11.31
Radiological Health	Control 1	1 <sup>st</sup>	16.24	+/-	8.06
Radiological Health	Control 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	17.05	+/-	8.26

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### FISH

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Location			
Type of fish	Date of Report	Isotope	pCi/gram
North Anna 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cooling Lagoon  F-24 (Catfish)	Results Pending	Ba	<0.00
		Cs-134	<0.00
		Cs-137	0.00+/-0.00
		Co-58	<0.00
		Co-60	<0.00
		I-131	<0.00
		Fe-59	<0.00
		Mn-54	<0.00
		Ru-106	<0.00
		Ag-110M	<0.00
		Zn-65	<0.00
		Nb-95	<0.00

\*Note: Samples to be analyzed by DCLS in May.

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## Milk

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Louisa County - Lakeside Dairy M-29	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Date: Pending	
Isotope	Results - pCi/liter
Ba	<0
Cs-134	<0
Cs-137	<0
K-40*	0+/-0
I-131	0+/-0
Sr-89	<0.0
Sr-90	0.0+/-0.0
Surry County - Epps Dairy M-66	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Date: Pending	
Isotope	Results - pCi/liter
Ba	<0
Cs-134	<0
Cs-137	<0
K-40*	0+/-0
I-131	0+/-0
Sr-89	<0
Sr-90	0+/-0

\*K-40 data is reported in units of grams/liter.

\*Result Pending from DCLS

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### Gamma & Radiogas in Air

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**Location:** Surry Power Station

Week #	Station	Date			Cs-134 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Cs-137 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	I-131 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Nuclide I-131 MDA pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>
		Start		Ended				
1	C-20	12/18/12	-	1/2/13	0.02	0.01	0.01	< 0.06
2	C-20	1/2/13	-	1/8/13	< 0	0.06	< 0	< 0.13
3	C-20	1/8/13	-	1/15/13	0.49	0.03	< 0	< 0.12
4	C-20	1/15/13	-	1/22/13	0.05	0.05	< 0	< 0.12
5	C-20	1/22/13	-	1/29/13	0.12	0.05	< 0	< 0.12
6	C-20	1/29/13	-	2/5/13	0.12	0.04	0.06	< 0.11
7	C-20	2/5/13	-	2/12/13	0.32	0.01	0.04	< 0.13
8	C-20	2/12/13	-	2/19/13	0.02	0.06	0.08	< 0.12
9	C-20	2/19/13	-	2/25/13	0.02	0.07	< 0	< 0.14
10	C-20	2/25/13	-	3/5/13	0.10	< 0	< 0	< 0.10
11	C-20	3/5/13	-	3/12/13	0.05	0.12	< 0	< 0.01
12	C-20	3/12/13	-	3/19/13	< 0	0.02	0.004	< 0.02
13	C-20	3/19/13	-	3/25/13	< 0	< 0	0.002	< 0.02

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**Location:** Pocahontas State Park

Week #	Station	Date			Cs-134 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Cs-137 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	I-131 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Nuclide I-131 MDA pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>
		Start		Ended				
1	C-40	12/17/12	-	1/2/13	< 0	0.06	< 0	< 0.06
2	C-40	1/2/13	-	1/7/13	< 0	< 0	< 0	< 0.17
3	C-40	1/7/13	-	1/14/13	0.006	< 0	0.01	< 0.13
4	C-40	1/14/13	-	1/22/13	0.05	0.08	0.07	< 0.10
5	C-40	1/22/13	-	1/28/13	0.005	0.04	< 0	< 0.16
6	C-40	1/28/13	-	2/4/13	0.03	0.001	< 0	< 0.14
7	C-40	2/4/13	-	2/11/13	0.007	0.04	0.08	< 0.12
8	C-40	2/11/13	-	2/19/13	0.51	0.02	0.009	< 0.11
9	C-40	2/19/13	-	2/25/13	0.05	0.02	0.07	< 0.16
10	C-40	2/25/13	-	3/4/13	0.007	0.002	< 0	< 0.12
11	C-40	3/4/13	-	3/11/13	< 0	< 0	0.003	< 0.02
12	C-40	3/11/13	-	3/18/13	0.02	0.01	< 0	< 0.02
13	C-40	3/18/13	-	3/25/13	0.03	< 0	< 0	< 0.02

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**Location:** Jamestown State Park – Historical Site

Week #	Station	Date			Cs-134 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Cs-137 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	I-131 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Nuclide I- 131 MDA pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>
		Start		Ended				
1	C-44	12/18/12	-	1/2/13	0.14	< 0	< 0	< 0.05
2	C-44	1/2/13	-	1/8/13	0.12	< 0	0.12	< 0.15
3	C-44	1/8/13	-	1/15/13	0.07	< 0	0.02	< 0.12
4	C-44	1/15/13	-	1/22/13	0.11	< 0	< 0	< 0.13
5	C-44	1/22/13	-	1/29/13	0.17	< 0	0.04	< 0.12
6	C-44	1/29/13	-	2/5/13	0.06	0.05	0.10	< 0.13
7	C-44	2/5/13	-	2/12/13	0.04	0.02	< 0	< 0.13
8	C-44	2/12/13	-	2/19/13	0.09	0.10	0.03	< 0.12
9	C-44	2/19/13	-	2/25/13	0.24	< 0	0.07	< 0.14
10	C-44	2/25/13	-	3/5/13	0.21	< 0	< 0	< 0.12
11	C-44	3/5/13	-	3/12/13	0.01	0.005	< 0	< 0.01
12	C-44	3/12/13	-	3/19/13	0.01	0.01	0.002	< 0.02
13	C-44	3/19/13	-	3/25/13	0.07	0.009	0.0006	< 0.02

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**Location:** Bumpass Volunteer Fire Department

Week #	Station	Date		Cs-134 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Cs-137 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	I-131 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Nuclide I-131 MDA pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>
		Start	Ended				
1	C-86	12/17/12	- 1/2/13	0.05	0.01	< 0	< 0.06
2	C-86	1/2/13	- 1/7/13	0.13	0.03	0.07	< 0.17
3	C-86	1/7/13	- 1/14/13	0.07	< 0	0.05	< 0.14
4	C-86	1/14/13	- 1/22/13	0.10	0.05	0.04	< 0.11
5	C-86	1/22/13	- 1/28/13	< 0	0.02	0.04	< 0.14
6	C-86	1/28/13	- 2/4/13	< 0	0.10	< 0	< 0.13
7	C-86	2/4/13	- 2/11/13	0.06	0.02	< 0	< 0.12
8	C-86	2/11/13	- 2/19/13	0.007	0.11	0.0002	< 0.11
9	C-86	2/19/13	- 2/26/13	0.10	< 0	0.07	< 0.12
10	C-86	2/26/13	- 3/4/13	0.19	0.10	0.02	< 0.15
11	C-86	3/4/13	- 3/11/13	0.006	0.0006	< 0	< 0.01
12	C-86	3/11/13	- 3/18/13	< 0	0.005	0.004	< 0.02
13	C-86	3/18/13	- 3/26/13	0.02	0.009	< 0	< 0.02

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FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

**Location:** Louisa County / Route 700

Week #	Station	Date			Cs-134 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Cs-137 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	I-131 Activity pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>	Nuclide I-131 MDA pCi/meter <sup>3</sup>
		Start	-	Ended				
1	C-88	12/17/12	-	1/2/13	0.04	0.04	< 0	< 0.06
2	C-88	1/2/13	-	1/7/13	0.04	0.11	0.05	< 0.20
3	C-88	1/7/13	-	1/14/13	0.17	0.05	< 0	< 0.13
4	C-88	1/14/13	-	1/22/13	0.04	0.02	< 0	< 0.12
5	C-88	1/22/13	-	1/28/13	0.13	0.05	0.02	< 0.16
6	C-88	1/28/13	-	2/4/13	0.10	0.06	< 0	< 0.13
7	C-88	2/4/13	-	2/11/13	0.06	0.03	0.02	< 0.13
8	C-88	2/11/13	-	2/19/13	0.004	< 0	< 0	< 0.11
9	C-88	2/19/13	-	2/26/13	0.02	0.06	< 0	< 0.13
10	C-88	2/26/13	-	3/4/13	0.14	< 0	< 0	< 0.15
11	C-88	3/4/13	-	3/11/13	0.006	0.01	< 0	< 0.02
12	C-88	3/11/13	-	3/18/13	0.05	< 0	0.003	< 0.02
13	C-88	3/18/13	-	3/26/13	0.03	0.005	< 0	< 0.02



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## Silt

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### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Location	Date collected	Gross Beta pCi/gram of Silt
James River Pier 1 Newport News Shipyard S-15A	Results Pending	0 +/- 0
James River Shipway 11 Newport News Shipyard S-16	Results Pending	0 +/- 0

\*Result Pending from DCLS

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## FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Elizabeth River – Dry Dock #8 Norfolk Naval Shipyard S-18							
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Quarter	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/gram (wet)				Gross Beta pCi/gram (DRY)	Gross Alpha pCi/gram (DRY)
		Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	C0-60		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Results Pending	<0.00	0.00	<0.0	<0.00	0+/-0	0+/-0

Elizabeth River – Dry Dock #4 Norfolk Naval Shipyard S-19							
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Quarter	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/gram (wet)				Gross Beta pCi/gram (DRY)	Gross Alpha pCi/gram (DRY)
		Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	C0-60		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Results Pending	<0.00	0.00	<0.0	<0.00	0+/-0	0+/-0

Elizabeth River – Wet slip #1 Norfolk Naval Shipyard S-20							
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Quarter	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/gram (wet)				Gross Beta pCi/gram (DRY)	Gross Alpha pCi/gram (DRY)
		Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	C0-60		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Results Pending	<0.00	0.00	<0.0	<0.00	0+/-0	0+/-0

\*Result Pending from DCLS

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## Silt

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### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Location	Date collected	Distance & Direction	Activity pCi/gram (dry weight)		
			Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-60
James River Surry Power Station Discharge Canal S-17	*	0.5 miles NNW	*	*	*
North Anna Power Waste Treatment Shoreline Soil S-24	4/9/2013	1.1 mile SSE	<0.01	0.01+/-0.01	<0.01

\*Result Pending from DCLS

\*Location was discontinued

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### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

#### James River – Pier 1 Newport News Shipyard W-15A

Qtr	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/liter						Gross Beta
		Ba-140	Cs-137	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr95/Nb95	
1 <sup>st</sup>	3/26/13	<5	<3	<5	<3	<7	<5	140.6+/-40.6

#### James River – Shipway #11 Newport News Shipyard W-16

Qtr	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/liter						Gross Beta
		Ba-140	Cs-137	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr95/Nb95	
1 <sup>st</sup>	3/21/13	<5	<3	<5	<3	<7	<6	121.9+/-38.4

N/A = not collected

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## SURFACE WATER

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### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

#### Elizabeth River – Dry Dock #4 Norfolk Naval Shipyard W-37

Qtr	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/liter						Gross Beta	Gross Alpha
		Ba-140	Cs-137	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr95/Nb95		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3/21/13	<9	<5	<14	<5	<11	<10	156.8+/-42.5	0.0+/-51.5

#### Elizabeth River – Wet Slip #1 Norfolk Naval Shipyard W-38

Qtr	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/liter						Gross Beta	Gross Alpha
		Ba-140	Cs-137	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr95/Nb95		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3/21/13	<7	<5	<10	<5	<11	<9	118.9+/-39.3	0.0+/-56.7

#### Elizabeth River – Dry Dock #8 Norfolk Naval Shipyard W-39

Qtr	Date collected	Gamma Activity – pCi/liter						Gross Beta	Gross Alpha
		Ba-140	Cs-137	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr95/Nb95		
1 <sup>st</sup>	3/21/13	<7	<5	<9	<5	<11	<9	161.1+/-42.2	0.0+/-54.2

N/A = not collected

GB = GROSS BETA (pCi/L) GA= GROSS ALPHA (pCi/L)

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### Surry Power Station – Discharge Canal - W-19 Gamma Activity – pCi/liter

Date	Ba-140	Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	Co-60	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr/Nb 95	Gross Beta	+/-	BS	H3 MDA	H3 Activity
D 1/2/13	<17	<6	<6	<6	<5	<38	<5	<13	<12	114.6	38.6			
1/2/13	<50	<14	<15	<13	<14	<15	<14	<31	<23					225+/-30
1/8/13	<49	<14	<15	<14	<12	<15	<14	<31	<22					601+/-52
1/15/13	<50	<14	<16	<15	<14	<15	<14	<38	<24					976+/-67
1/22/13	<46	<14	<14	<12	<12	<15	<13	<32	<21					1126+/-67
1/29/13	<48	<13	<15	<13	<14	<16	<14	<29	<22					1577+/-85
2/5/13	<48	<13	<15	<14	<15	<15	<13	<31	<24					<b>526+/-43</b>
2/12/13	<44	<14	<14	<12	<14	<14	<12	<33	<25					3679+/-127
2/19/13	<48	<14	<15	<12	<15	<14	<13	<30	<23					2327+/-99
2/26/13	<48	<13	<16	<13	<15	<14	<15	<31	<24				<222	
3/5/13	<43	<14	<15	<13	<14	<14	<14	<32	<22					75+/-94
3/12/13	<45	<10	<12	<11	<13	<12	<12	<22	<19					1877+/-91
3/18/13	<35	<9	<11	<11	<12	<10	<12	<23	<20					2628+/-108
3/26/13	<32	<10	<12	<10	<13	<10	<11	<23	<19					75+/-95

D = sample analyzed by DCLS

\*Note: Release was in progress at time of sampling. Verified via telephone with Surry Power Station personnel. A copy of the Station Release Permit was obtained and is on record.

\*\*Note: Release was in progress at time of sampling and follow up sample indicated 901pCi/L +/- 60 pCi/L and a copy of the Station Release Permit was obtained and is on record.

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**Surry Power Station – Scotland Wharf / baseline - W-79**

**Gamma Activity – pCi/liter**

Date	Ba-140	Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	Co-60	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr/Nb-95	Gross Beta	+/-	BS	H3 MDA	H3 activity
D 1/2/13	<18	<6	<6	<7	<5	<42	<6	<13	<12	63.9	34.4			
1/2/13	<47	<13	<15	<13	<14	<14	<14	<30	<25					150+/-30
1/8/13	<50	<14	<16	<14	<14	<15	<14	<31	<22					300+/-42
1/15/13	<48	<15	<15	<13	<15	<15	<14	<31	<24					526+/-52
1/22/13	<51	<13	<15	<14	<15	<15	<13	<32	<23					976+/-67
1/29/13	<52	<12	<14	<13	<15	<15	<14	<35	<22					1051+/-67
2/5/13	<49	<13	<15	<13	<15	<15	<14	<31	<24					526+/-43
2/12/13	<46	<12	<15	<13	<14	<14	<14	<31	<23					1727+/-85
2/19/13	<50	<14	<15	<12	<17	<16	<13	<31	<25					1126+/-73
2/25/13	<53	<13	<16	<13	<15	<15	<14	<33	<24					75+/-95
3/5/13	<49	<14	<16	<13	<15	<14	<14	<32	<24					901+/-67
3/12/13	<43	<10	<11	<11	<13	<12	<12	<26	<20					1727+/-85
3/18/13	<37	<9	<12	<11	<12	<10	<10	<24	<18					1502+/-79
3/26/13	<33	<8	<12	<11	<13	<11	<11	<23	<21					150+/-30

D = sample analyzed by DCLS

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**North Anna Power Station – Discharge Canal - W-33**

**Gamma Activity – pCi/liter**

Date	Ba-140	Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	Co-60	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr/Nb 95	Gross Beta	+/-	BS	H3 MDA	H3 activity
D 1/2/13	<8	<5	<6	<6	<6	<11	<5	<12	<10	2.7	0.8			
1/2/13	<52	<14	<15	<12	<16	<17	<13	<30	<23					3529+/-127
1/7/13	<47	<13	<15	<12	<14	<16	<14	<33	<23					3153+/-120
1/14/13	<52	<15	<16	<13	<17	<17	<15	<34	<25					3228+/-119
1/22/13	<48	<14	<14	<13	<14	<14	<13	<32	<24					3904+/-134
1/28/13	<49	<12	<14	<14	<15	<17	<13	<31	<24					3829+/-134
2/4/13	<51	<13	<15	<13	<15	<16	<14	<29	<24					3529+/-127
2/11/13	<48	<13	<14	<13	<14	<14	<12	<32	<22					2778+/-116
2/19/13	<51	<13	<14	<12	<15	<16	<14	<29	<20					3904+/-134
2/26/13	<49	<14	<16	<14	<15	<15	<15	<35	<24					5405+/-159
3/5/13	<50	<13	<16	<13	<13	<15	<14	<30	<22					4279+/-140
3/12/13	<43	<9	<12	<11	<12	<13	<12	<22	<20					3754+/-132
3/18/13	<37	<10	<12	<11	<13	<10	<10	<25	<19					4129+/-137
3/26/13 *	<36	<10	<11	<11	<11	<11	<12	<27	<19					14715+/- 261

\*A separate follow up sample was created and had results of 11111pCi/L +/- 232pCi/L. NAPS personnel were contacted and verified a release was in progress.

D = sample analyzed by DCLS



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### North Anna River - W-27 / baseline Gamma Activity – pCi/liter

Date	Ba-140	Cs-134	Cs-137	Co-58	Co-60	I-131	Mn-54	Zn-65	Zr/Nb 95	Gross Beta	+/-	BS	H3 MDA	H3 activity
D 1/2/13	<17	<5	<6	<6	<6	<33	<6	<12	<12	4.3	3.2			
1/2/13	<52	<13	<15	<13	<12	<16	<14	<30	<21					976+/-67
1/7/13	<50	<15	<16	<12	<14	<16	<13	<33	<23					375+/-42
1/14/13	<51	<14	<16	<14	<16	<15	<15	<38	<24					826+/-60
1/22/13	<48	<13	<13	<13	<15	<15	<13	<31	<22					1201+/-73
1/28/13	<54	<12	<14	<14	<15	<14	<14	<29	<24				<220	
2/4/13	<47	<14	<15	<13	<17	<15	<13	<32	<22					121+/-52
2/11/13	<48	<13	<15	<13	<14	<16	<14	<33	<22					75+/-95
2/19/13	<51	<14	<15	<13	<14	<16	<14	<34	<21					2102+/-95
2/25/13	<51	<15	<16	<13	<16	<15	<14	<34	<24					2252+/-100
3/5/13	<48	<14	<14	<13	<13	<15	<14	<32	<22				<220	
3/12/13	<47	<9	<10	<12	<13	<16	<12	<25	<22				<223	
3/18/13	<36	<9	<13	<11	<13	<10	<11	<22	<19				<209	
3/26/13	<41	<10	<12	<11	<13	<10	<12	<23	<19					1126+/-67

D = Sample analyzed by DCLS

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### VEGETATION

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#### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Location	Date collected	Type	Isotope	Results pCi/Gram (wet weight)
Surry County Private garden V-96B	02/05/2013		I-131 Cs-134 Cs-137	<0.04 <0.02 <0.02
Louisa County Private Garden V98B	02/04/2013		I-131 Cs-134 Cs-137	<0.03 <0.02 <0.02

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**AIR PARTICULATE COMPOSITE SAMPLES**

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FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Eastern Site Boundary - Ball field <b>A-101</b>						
Quarter	Start	Date		Stop	Gross Beta Activity	
					pCi/meter3	
1 <sup>st</sup>	1/9/13	-	1/15/13	0.001	+/-	0.001

**SOIL**

January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013

FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Location	Date	Distance & Direction	Type	Alpha Activity
				pCi/gram
Eastern Site Boundary Ball field <b>S-101</b>	Annually	Site Boundary	Soil	0.0+/-0.0
James River Shoreline Near Six Mile Bridge "control" <b>S-102a</b>	Annually	1.5 miles SW	Soil	0.0+/-0.0

Alpha \* - Uranium separation followed by alpha counting

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### Babcock & Wilcox

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### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Location	Date	Distance & Direction	Alpha Activity pCi/gram
James River Shoreline Near Ball field at eastern site boundary W-101	Annually	Approx. 3 miles downstream	0.0+/-0.0
James River Shoreline Near Six Mile Bridge "control" W-102	Annually	Approx 1.5 Miles upstream	0.0+/-0.0

## VEGETATION

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### FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2013

Location	Date	Type	Distance & Direction	Alpha Activity pCi/gram
Eastern site boundary Ball field V-101	Annually	Vegetation	Approx. 3 miles downstream	0.0+/-0.0
James River Shoreline off Rt. 460 "control" V-102	Annually	Vegetation	Approx 4.5 Miles SW	0.0+/-0.0

Alpha \* - Uranium separation followed by alpha counting

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# APPENDIX I

# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION "LLD"

## LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION

### “LLD”

Definition:     **“Lower Limit of Detection”** – The smallest amount, or concentration, of a radioactive or nonradioactive element that can be reliably detected in a sample.

All radioactive measurements for samples are reported with an uncertainty. The uncertainty arises for a number of reasons including imperfections in the apparatus or procedure, human error, and counting uncertainty. The counting uncertainty arises because radioactive decay is a random process. This means that if one counts the radioactive decay of a sample several times, each for a fixed time, one will find that the measured number of decays varies randomly. However, these random answers all cluster near an average value. It is usually assumed that the counting uncertainty is the dominant uncertainty. The uncertainties that are reported are the counting uncertainties only. The interpretation of this is that we are 95% confident that the true concentration in the sample lies somewhere between the measured concentration minus the counting uncertainty and the measured concentration plus the counting uncertainty.

One consequence of the uncertainties in a measurement of radioactivity is that it is not possible to determine a zero concentration of a radioisotope. Rather, when the uncertainty is such that one cannot distinguish between the sample and background counting rates, we report that the sample radioactivity is less than some concentration. This minimum concentration is termed the Lower Limit of Detection (LLD). Practical sample size, counting time, and background radiation all combine to determine the LLD. The LLD for most radioisotopes is at least several orders of magnitude (factors of ten) less than the standards for a level of concern that has been set by the state or federal government.

## **CONDITIONS**

### **Consolidated Laboratories**

LLD values apply to samples analyzed immediately after collection with no decay corrections used in the calculations. Decay corrections normally required during sample processing may result in significant increases in the LLD's for the short-lived isotopes.

Gamma isotopic analysis is performed with a 4" X 4" Sodium Iodide (TI) detector and a High Purity Germanium Detector.

Gross alpha, beta, Sr-89, and Sr-90 LLD's were based on variable averages normally encountered in sample processing. The LLD may vary from sample to sample depending on self-absorption corrections, counting efficiency, background changes, counting time, and recovery yields. Fish values will depend on the wet to ash weight ratio of the collected sample.

The lower limits of detection for all analysis were calculated using the methods found on the following pages:



# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR GAMMA COUNTING

## Consolidated Laboratories

For solids such as Silt, Vegetation, Fish etc., as provided by  
HPGE Detector – 1000 minute count time

Required Sample Size: 1 Kilogram

NOMINAL LLD's for selected isotopes are given below. Actual LLD's are determined at the time of analysis, and vary with decay time, background radiation, sample size, etc.

Isotope	LLD, pCi/Kilogram
Cs-134	5
Cs-137	6
Co-58	5
Co-60	5
I-131	7
Ru/Rh-106	50
Zn-65	12
Zr-95	10
Ba/La-140	8
Ag-110m	10
Mn-54	6
Fe-59	11

Canberra's Spectran-F Software calculates LLD using the following relationships:

$$LLD = LD \left( \frac{e^{(.693 \cdot T_d / T_{1/2})}}{(T)(Y)(e)(V)(0.037)} \right)$$

Where:

$T_d$	= Decay Time
$T_{1/2}$	= Half-Life
$T$	= Count Time
$Y$	= Yield of the gamma ray in question
$E$	= Detector efficiency at the energy of gamma ray in question
$V$	= Sample size
0.037	= Conversion factor: gammas/second to picocuries

and:  $LD = k^2 = (2)LC$

Where:  $LC$  is the weakest signal the instrument can detect as a peak.

and:  $k$  is a constant which depends on the desired confidence limit for the result.  
(At the 95% confidence level,  $k = 1.645$ .)

# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR GAMMA COUNTING

## Consolidated Laboratories

For liquids such as Water, Milk, etc, as provided by HPGE detector – 1000 minute count time

Required Sample Size: 3.5 Liters

NOMINAL LLD's for selected isotopes are given below. Actual LLD's are determined at the time of analysis, and vary with decay time, background radiation, sample size, etc.

Isotope	LLD, pCi/Liter
Cs-134	7.3
Cs-137	7.6
Co-58	7.2
Co-60	12.0
I-131	7.9
Zn-65	21.0
Zr-95	15.0
Ba/La-140	10.0
Mn-54	7.8
Fe-59	19.0

Canberra's GAMMA-M Software calculates LLD using the following relationships:

$$LLD = LD \left( \frac{e^{(.693 \cdot T_d / T_{1/2})}}{(T)(Y)(e)(V)(0.037)} \right)$$

Where:

- $T_d$  = Decay Time
- $T_{1/2}$  = Half-Life
- $T$  = Count Time
- $Y$  = Yield of the gamma ray in question
- $E$  = Detector efficiency at the energy of gamma ray in question
- $V$  = Sample size
- 0.037 = Conversion factor: gammas/second to picocuries

and:  $LD = k^2 = (2)LC$

Where: LC is the weakest signal the instrument can detect as a peak.

and: k is a constant which depends on the desired confidence limit for the result.  
(At the 95% confidence level,  $k = 1.645$ .)

## LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR GAMMA COUNTING VDH-DRH Mobile Incident Command Vehicle

Charcoal Canister provided by HPGE detector - 100 minute count time

Required Sample Size: 300m<sup>3</sup>

Actual LLD is determined at the time of analysis and varies with decay time, background radiation, sample size, etc.

Isotope	LLD, pCi/m <sup>3</sup>
I-131 in Charcoal Canister	0.01

Canberra's Gamma-M Software calculates LLD using the following relationships:

$$LLD = 4.65 \left( \frac{(R_b/T_s)^{1/2}}{(Y)(e)(V)(d)(2.22)} \right)$$

Where:

R <sub>b</sub> =	Background rate (CPM)
T <sub>s</sub> =	Sample Count Time
Y=	Chemical Yield (Gamma ray abundance for I-131 @ 364KeV)
e=	Detector efficiency = 23.9%
V=	Sample size
d=	Decay Correction Factor
2.22=	Conversion factor: counts/minute to picocuries

# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR BETA COUNTING

## Consolidated Laboratories

For: Milk and Water (Radiochemical Analysis).

Matrix	LLD	Weight or Volume Required
Sr-89	4.00 pCi/Liter	1000 ml
Sr-90	1.00 pCi/Liter	1000 ml
I-131 in Water	0.34 pCi/Liter	1000 ml
I-131 in Milk	0.36 pCi/Liter	1000 ml

$$LLD = 4.65 \left( \frac{\sqrt{p(R_b/T_s)}}{(Y)(e)(V)(d)(2.22)} \right)$$

Where:

$R_b$ =	Background rate (CPM)
$T_s$ =	Sample Count Time
$Y$ =	Chemical Yield
$e$ =	Detector efficiency
$V$ =	Sample size
$d$ =	Decay Correction Factor
2.22=	Conversion factor: counts/minute to picocuries
4.65=	95% Confidence Factor

## LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR GROSS BETA COUNTING

### Consolidated Laboratories (DCLS) & VDH-DRH Mobile Incident Command Laboratory (MICL)

For: Air Particulate, Surface/Saline Water, Silt/Soil and Fish.

Matrix	LLD	Weight or Volume Required
Air Particulate (MICL)	0.003 pCi/m <sup>3</sup>	300 m <sup>3</sup>
Surface Water (DCLS)	34.7 pCi/L	10 ml
Saline Water (DCLS)	40.8 pCi/Liter	10 ml
Silt/Soil (DCLS)	5.7 pCi/gram	100 mg
Fish (DCLS)	0.046 pCi/gram	1000 grams

$$LLD = 4.65 \left( \frac{(\sqrt{R_b/T_s})}{(Y)(e)(V)(d)(2.22)} \right)$$

Where:

$R_b$ =	Background rate (CPM)
$T_s$ =	Sample Count Time
$Y$ =	Chemical Yield
$e$ =	Detector efficiency
$V$ =	Sample size
$d$ =	Decay Correction Factor
2.22=	Conversion factor counts per minute to picocuries
4.65=	95% Confidence Factor

# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR GROSS ALPHA COUNTING

## Consolidated Laboratories (DCLS) & VDH-DRH Mobile Incident Command Laboratory (MICL)

For: Air Particulate, Surface/Saline Water, and Silt/Soil.

Matrix	LLD	Weight or Volume Required
Air Particulate (MICL)	0.001 pCi/m <sup>3</sup>	286 m <sup>3</sup>
Surface Water (DCLS)	45.0 pCi/liter	10 ml
Saline Water (DCLS)	45.0 pCi/liter	10 ml
Silt/Soil (DCLS)	11.0 pCi/gram	100 mg

$$LLD = 4.65 \left( \frac{(2.71/T_s) + (\sqrt{R_b/T_s})}{(Y)(e)(V)(d)(2.22)} \right)$$

Where:

R <sub>b</sub> =	Background rate (CPM)
T <sub>s</sub> =	Sample Count Time
Y=	Chemical Yield (Gamma ray abundance for I-131 @ 634 KeV)
e=	Detector efficiency
V=	Sample size
d=	Decay Correction Factor
2.22=	Conversion factor: counts/minute to picocuries
4.65=	95% Confidence Factor
2.71=	Conversion factor used to compensate for low backgrounds encountered in Alpha counting

## LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR ALPHA COUNTING

### Consolidated Laboratories

For: Water, Vegetation, Silt and Soil (Uranium Radiochemical Analysis).

Matrix	LLD	Weight or Volume Required
Water	0.20 pCi/Liter	1000 ml
Vegetation	0.02 pCi/gram	1000 grams
Silt	0.02 pCi/gram	1000 grams
Soil	0.02 pCi/gram	1000 grams

$$LLD = 4.65 \left( \frac{(2.71/T_s) + (\sqrt{R_b/T_s})}{(Y)(e)(V)(d)(2.22)} \right)$$

Where:

$R_b$ =	Background rate (CPM)
$T_s$ =	Sample Count Time
$Y$ =	Chemical Yield (Gamma ray abundance for I-131 @ 634 KeV)
$e$ =	Detector efficiency
$V$ =	Sample size
$d$ =	Decay Correction Factor
2.22=	Conversion factor: counts/minute to picocuries
4.65=	95% Confidence Factor
2.71=	Conversion factor used to compensate for low backgrounds encountered in Alpha counting

# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD's) FOR ALPHA COUNTING

## Consolidated Laboratories

For: Air Particulate and Waste Water (Fluorometric Uranium Analysis).

Matrix	LLD	Weight or Volume Required
Air Particulate	2.00 E-09 ug/ml	1440 m <sup>3</sup>
Waste Water	0.04 ug/Liter	1000 ml

$$LLD = 4.65 \left( \frac{(2.71/T_s) + (\sqrt{R_b/T_s})}{(Y)(e)(V)(d)(2.22)} \right)$$

Where:

- R<sub>b</sub>= Background rate (CPM)
- T<sub>s</sub>= Sample Count Time
- Y= Chemical Yield (Gamma ray abundance for I-131 @ 634 KeV)
- e= Detector efficiency
- V= Sample size
- d= Decay Correction Factor
- 2.22= Conversion factor: counts/minute to picocuries
- 4.65= 95% Confidence Factor
- 2.71= Conversion factor used to compensate for low backgrounds encountered in Alpha counting



# LOWER LIMITS OF DETECTION (LLD) FOR TRITIUM ANALYSIS

## VDH-DRH Mobile Incident Command Laboratory (MICL)

For: Surface Water

Minimum Required Sample Volume: 50 ml  
Sample Aliquot = 6 ml

$$\text{LLD in pCi/L} = \frac{4.66(R_b/T)^{1/2}}{(2.22)(V)(E)}$$

Where:

R <sub>b</sub> =	Background rate (CPM)
T=	Background Counting Time = 60 minutes
E=	Counter Efficiency = 65%
V=	Sample Volume or Size
4.66=	95% Confidence Factor
<b>LLD=</b>	<b>225 pCi/L</b>

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# APPENDIX II

# SAMPLING LOCATIONS

# Sampling Locations for Surry Nuclear Power Station



Photo courtesy of Dominion Power

LOCATION		TYPE	FREQUENCY
<b><u>Milk</u></b>			
M-66	Surry County - W.B. Epps Dairy *	Raw	Quarterly
<b><u>Air</u></b>			
A-20	Surry Power Station *	Air Particulate	Weekly
A-44	Jamestown State Park - Historical Site	Air Particulate	Weekly
<b><u>Charcoal Filter</u></b>			
C-20	Surry Power Station *	Release Gas	Weekly
C-44	Jamestown State Park - Historical Site	Release Gas	Weekly
<b><u>Dosimeters</u></b>			
D-20	Surry Power Station *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-41	Surry Lebanon Baptist Church	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-42	Surry County - Lawnes Creek	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-43	Surry County - Route 628	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-44	Jamestown State Park - Historical Site	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-45	Newport News - Lee Hall	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-73	Naval Weapons Station - Enlisted Quarters	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-76	Newport News - Fort Eustis *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-77	Williamsburg - Busch Gardens	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-78	Williamsburg - Williamsburg Airport	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-79	Surry County - Scotland Wharf	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-80	Surry County - Bacon's Castle *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-81	Surry County - Alliance *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-82	Surry County - Hog Point *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
<b><u>Silt</u></b>			
S-17	James River - 1/2 Mile Off Discharge Canal	Silt	Annually
<b><u>Surface Water</u></b>			
W-19	Surry Discharge Canal *	Surface Water	Weekly
W-79	James River - Scotland Wharf *	Surface Water	Weekly
<b><u>Vegetation</u></b>			
V-96B	Surry County - local farms *	Edible Vegetation	Annually

\* Virginia and Virginia Power Duplicate Sampling Sites

# Sampling Locations for North Anna Nuclear Power Station



Photo courtesy of Dominion Power

LOCATION	TYPE	FREQUENCY
<b><u>Milk</u></b>		
M-29 Louisa County - Lakeside Dairy *	Raw	Quarterly
<b><u>Air</u></b>		
A-88 Louisa County Route 700 *	Air Particulate	Weekly
A-86 Louisa County – Bumpass Volunteer Fire	Air Particulate	Weekly
<b><u>Charcoal Filter</u></b>		
C-88 Louisa County Route 700 *	Release Gas	Weekly
C-86 Louisa County – Bumpass Volunteer Fire	Release Gas	Weekly
<b><u>Dosimeters</u></b>		
D-35 NAPS *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-50 Louisa County – Mineral *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-51 Louisa County - Wares Crossroads *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-52 Spotsylvania - Good Hope Church *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-53 Spotsylvania - Route 614	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-54 Louisa County - Frederick's Hall	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-84 Louisa County - Route 685	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-85 Spotsylvania Co. - Route 713	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-86 Louisa County – Bumpass Volunteer Fire	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-87 Spotsylvania Co. - Levy *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-88 Louisa Co. - Rt. 700 (near station) *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
D-89 Louisa County - Aspen Hill *	Gamma in Air	Quarterly
<b><u>Fish</u></b>		
F-24 North Anna Lake - Second Cooling Lagoon	Edible Fish	2/Year
<b><u>Soil</u></b>		
S-24 NAPS Waste Treatment shoreline soil	Soil	Annually
<b><u>Surface Water</u></b>		
W-27 North Anna River - Route 522 *	Surface Water	Weekly
W-33 North Anna Discharge Canal *	Surface Water	Weekly
<b><u>Vegetation</u></b>		
V-98C Louisa County – local farmers *	Edible Vegetation	Annually

\* Virginia and Virginia Power Duplicate Sampling Sites

## Sampling Locations - Babcock & Wilcox

SAMPLE	LOCATION	TYPE	FREQUENCY
<b><u>AIR</u></b>			
A-101	Eastern Site Boundary Ballfield	Air Particulate	Quarterly
<b><u>SURFACE WATER</u></b>			
W-101	James River 3 mi. downstream of plant at eastern site boundary	Surface Water	Annually
W-102	James River 1.5 mi. upstream of plant at Six Mile Bridge control	Surface Water	Annually
<b><u>SOIL</u></b>			
S-101	Eastern Site Boundary Ballfield	Soil	Annually
S-102	LRAHL Bldg. Off Route 460 5 Miles SW Control	Soil	Annually
<b><u>VEGETATION</u></b>			
V-101	Eastern Site Boundary Ballfield	Grass	Annually
V-102	LRAHL Bldg. Off Route 460 5 Miles SW Control	Grass	Annually

## Other Sampling Locations in Virginia

LOCATION		TYPE	FREQUENCY
<b><u>Air</u></b>			
A-40	Pocahontas State Park	Air Particulate	Weekly
<b><u>Silt</u></b>			
S-15A	James River - NNSB - Pier 1	Silt	Quarterly
S-16	James River - NNSB- Shipway 11	Silt	Quarterly
S-18	Elizabeth River - NNSY - Drydock #8	Silt	Quarterly
S-19	Elizabeth River - NNSY - Drydock #4	Silt	Quarterly
S-20	Elizabeth River - NNSY - Wet Slip #1	Silt	Quarterly
<b><u>Charcoal Filter</u></b>			
C-40	Pocahontas State Park	Air Particulate	Weekly
<b><u>Dosimeters</u></b>			
D-40	Pocahontas State Park	Air Gamma	Quarterly
<b><u>Surface Water</u></b>			
W-15	James River - NNSB- Pier 1	Surface Water	Quarterly
W-16	James River - NNSB- Shipway 11	Surface Water	Quarterly
W-37	Elizabeth River - NNSY - Drydock #8	Surface Water	Quarterly
W-38	Elizabeth River - NNSY - Drydock #4	Surface Water	Quarterly
W-39	Elizabeth River - NNSY - Wet Slip #1	Surface Water	Quarterly

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APPENDIX III  
EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Division of Radiological Health (DRH) is one of the lead response agencies for emergencies involving the potential or actual release of radioactive materials. Overall, state level emergency response is described in the Commonwealth of Virginia Radiological Emergency Response Plan (COVRERP), which is developed and maintained by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for the Commonwealth of Virginia. In addition to generic guidelines for responding to any major radiological emergency, the response procedures contain segments addressing response to several specific types of radiological incidents – including sections, which provide information needed for response to Licensee and Transportation accidents. Other sections contain background information and response guidance for accidents at fixed nuclear facilities. Plans are also being developed to respond to possible radiological terrorist attacks, which may include detonation of a radiological dispersion device (RDD aka “dirty bomb”), an improvised nuclear device (IND), or a military grade nuclear warhead.

When responding to any radiological emergency, the primary tasks of VDH-DRH are to locate, identify, and predict the impact of any radioactive materials released to the environment. Based on the predicted or known impact, VDH then recommends appropriate measures to protect the public. DRH would also be tasked with helping to supervise the cleanup of radiological contamination and ensuring the proper disposal of radioactive waste. A VDH-DRH duty officer maintains 24-hour coverage to provide initial assessment/assistance for local responders and may also initiate the mobilization/deployment of other trained staff to respond to a radiological emergency when needed.

Under the provisions of current Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations, the DRH conducts or participates in periodic drills that are designed to provide team training and to test emergency plan and procedures. The scope of these drills ranges from receiving and acknowledging simulated emergency communications to full-scale team deployment. In the latter case, the DRH personnel are presented with problems similar to those that might be encountered during an actual radiological emergency.

Federal regulations for commercial nuclear power generating facilities stipulate that a full-scale exercise involving appropriate local government participation and testing all significant response elements must be conducted and evaluated every other year. Because there are two such facilities, Surry and North Anna Nuclear Power Stations, Commonwealth of Virginia agencies will perform exercise activities on a yearly basis, alternating between the sites each year. The VDH, DRH, and VDEM have elected to participate in each exercise as fully as possible.